



Docket No.: 048347-0015

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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| In re Application of | : | Customer Number: 20277 |
| Olaf VANCURA | : | Confirmation Number: 4544 |
| Application No.: 10/643,429 | : | Tech Center Art Unit: 3711 |
| Filed: August 19, 2003 | : | Examiner: William M. Pierce |
| For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SURVEY-BASED BONUS GAME | : | |

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following comments are made in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance provided in the Office Action of March 16, 2006 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e).

REMARKS

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the March 16, 2006 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning. The Statement should not be viewed as suggesting any claim interpretation or estoppel with regard to any of the allowed claims, particularly to the extent if any that the Statement may differ from the proper construction of the claim language. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims and the supporting disclosure without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. See *Salazar v. Procter & Gamble Co.*, 414 F.3d 1342 (Fed. Cir. 2005).

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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